

## **Lesson plan topic:** Flying Dragons

### **Recommended grade levels:** 5th

- Recommended to introduce students to the flying dragon (also known as Draco lizard).

**Link to lesson plan:** <https://canva.link/owpgqy7jn4czjw5>

### **Objectives:**

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

1. Identify key facts about flying dragons, such as their defining characteristics, habitats, diet, and reproduction.
2. Draw comparisons between flying dragons and flying squirrels.
3. Understand their cultural significance in folklore in Asia.

This facilitator's guide is designed to help you lead the lesson plan on flying dragons also known as Draco lizards. For many of the slides, you can read off the slides, but some of the slides have additional speaking points listed.

### **Slide breakdown:**

Slide 1: Title Slide

Slide 2: Read from the slide

- Ask if they have ever heard of the flying dragon.
- Have they ever heard of a flying squirrel? (more common so expected that they have)
- Indicate that they will make comparisons between them later on

Slide 3-6: Read from the slide

Slide 7: Watch a video depicting how they glide as well as other facts about them.

- Short and interesting enough for a younger audience

Slide 8-9: Read from the slide

Slide 10: Before displaying text, ask students to infer some adaptations that flying dragons have based on what we know about their physical appearance. Then display the text with answers.

Slide 11: Read from the slide

Slide 12: Before displaying text, ask if they know anything about flying squirrels, then read the comparisons.

Slide 13: Read from the slide

Slide 14-25: True or false game

Slide 25-30: Multiple choice questions

Slide 31: Thank you slide!

Note: Could have students read from the slide instead of the teacher.

Students have now completed this lesson plan!

### **Post-Lesson Activities**

- 1) Flying Dragon Fact Book
  - a) Write a book with sections including where they live, how they glide, what they eat, predators and threats.
- 2) Create a Passport
  - a) Invent a species of dragon. Fill out a passport with:
    - Dragon name
    - Wing type
    - Fire-breathing ability?
    - Homeland (e.g., volcanoes, icy caves)
    - Diet and personality